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2017 ADVENTURE & OUTDOORS SUMMER CAMPS

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CAMP STANDARDS

The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks is dedicated to providing outstanding summer camps. To achieve this goal we place value on children by offering exciting camp experiences with an emphasis on safety, convenience and affordability. The Department is committed to providing a superior level of service while maintaining the highest level of safety standards possible. All Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks Camps abide by our camp standards. The standards include the following:

- *No peanut or nut products are allowed in camp.*
- *All camp directors are over 20 years old.*
- *All staff hired have been through a criminal background check.*
- *Weekly fire and emergency drills are conducted.*
- *At least one camp staff member must be certified in CPR and First Aid.*
- *Camps maintain the established staffing ratios appropriate for each camp.*
- *Staff are knowledgeable and well-trained.*
- *Safety procedures are followed through a daily check-in and check-out of participants.*
- *All passenger van drivers have taken a van driving training course.*
- *Exceptional customer service is provided.*

General Information

How to Register

- On-line: www.howardcountymd.gov/adventurecamps
- Phone: 410-313-7275 (voice/relay)
(8 AM-4:30 PM, M-F)
- Fax: 410-313-4660
- Mail: Howard County Recreation & Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046
- Walk-in: Howard County Recreation & Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia
(8 AM-4:30 PM, M-F)
- Gary J. Arthur Community Center
2400 Rte. 97, Cooksville
(8 AM-8 PM, M-Sa; 9 AM-5 PM, Su)
- North Laurel Community Center
9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel
(8 AM-8 PM, M-Sa; 9 AM-5 PM, Su)
- Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia
(9 AM-5 PM, W-Sa; Noon-5 PM, Su)
- Roger Carter Community Center
3000 Milltowne Drive, Ellicott City
(7 AM-10 PM, M-Sa; 7 AM-9 PM, Su)

Camp Refund Policy

We recognize that you may wish to withdraw from a camp for a variety of reasons, but we encourage early decisions so as to not inconvenience other participants or affect our ability to efficiently deliver activities. Customers requesting a refund prior to two weeks before the date the camp starts will be given a full refund. Refunds requested within two weeks of the camp starting date will be charged a 20% administrative fee. Additional fees may be assessed to recover costs (shirts, supplies, equipment, etc.) associated with the program. There are no refunds given for missed camp days. Refund policies for licensed child care and therapeutic camps have different policies.

Payment Information

Include payment with your registration form – a check or money order payable to the Howard County Director of Finance, or credit card information. (We accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA.) Please sign the waiver on your receipt and bring it to the first session.

Inclement Weather

Howard County Recreation & Parks strives to operate regardless of weather (canceling is our last resort). Most camps are outdoors, in parks. Parents, consider the weather impact on your child before sending them to camp. To check the status of your child's camp, please call our Program Status Line at 410-313-4451.

Who to Contact

- Adventure & Outdoors Manager**
Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754
- Adventure & Outdoors Supervisor**
Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769
- www.howardcountymd.gov/adventure

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Some camps or sections may be full, but we encourage you to sign up on the wait list as new sections may become available!

- Camps listed by age first, then alphabetical.
- For more comprehensive adventure & outdoor camp information, including tentative schedules, lists of activities and recommended attire, visit www.howardcountymd.gov/adventurecamps.
- Detailed information and camp participant forms are mailed to registrants approximately two weeks prior to the start of each camp session.
- Special accommodations are available but not guaranteed. Requests must be made at least two weeks in advance.
- Must be able to pass a basic swimming test to participate in camps that involve swimming/ water activities.
- Most camps are held rain or shine; schedule subject to change.



Adventure

- Information: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769 (unless otherwise noted.)

Lil’ Archers Camp

Experience the sport of archery in a fun, safe and supervised environment. We use plastic arrows with rubber suction cups to teach the basics of archery. No experience necessary and all equipment supplied. Detailed information and camp participant forms are mailed to registrants approximately two weeks prior to the start of each camp session. Camp is held rain or shine.

4-5 yrs Days: 4 Meadowbrook Ath Comp
 RP9061.401 Jun 12 10-11:30am M-Th \$50

The Grand Escape

This epic camp is your ticket to a variety of hands-on activities, sports, games and special events, including swimming, climbing, archery, pool games, capture the flag and more. Activities are “old school” – not your everyday sports and games camp. Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

5-13 yrs Days: 5 Meadowbrook Ath Comp
 RP9711.401 Aug 28 9am-5pm M-F \$225

NEW! Extreme H₂O: Adventure with Water

Water, water, water; it’s all about water in this camp! Learn about water cycles, aquatic life and floods through fun, wet, hands-on water games. Bring a nonperishable snack (no nut products) and beverage. Schedule is subject to change; camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes supervision and activities.

6-7 yrs Days: 5 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion G
 RP9945.401 Jun 19 9am-noon M-F \$115
 RP9945.402 Jul 17 9am-noon M-F \$115

Archery Camp

This is a basic-level course intended for those who are new to the sport and looking for a positive experience with archery. During the camp, archers become proficient in shooting a bow and also receive instruction in archery essentials such as range safety, equipment maintenance, self-analysis and archery etiquette. Additional activities include history of archery, fun shoots (ex: balloon shoots) and a competition on the last day. Bring a nonperishable snack (no nut products) and beverage. Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes supervision, equipment and activities. (No camp 7/4.)

8-12 yrs Days: 5 (4 days week of 7/3) Alpha Ridge Pk
 RP9755.401 Jun 19 8:30-11:30am M-F \$110
 RP9755.402 Jun 19 12:30-3:30pm M-F \$110
 RP9755.403 Jun 26 8:30-11:30am M-F \$110
 RP9755.404 Jun 26 12:30-3:30pm M-F \$110
 RP9755.405 Jul 3 8:30am-12:15pm M,W-F \$110
 RP9755.406 Jul 24 8:30-11:30am M-F \$110



Archery & Fishing Camp **flickr**

Try your hand at two lifelong outdoor activities in this beginner camp! Discover and practice new skills in casting, fish identification and knot tying. Learn the essentials of target archery such as range safety, equipment use and technique from USA Archery certified instructors. Camp includes trips to some special fishing spots where the fish are definitely biting! Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes van or bus transportation, supervision, equipment, and activities.

9-12 yrs Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion F

RP9716.401	Jun 26	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$219
RP9716.402	Jul 10	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$219
RP9716.403	Jul 17	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$219
RP9716.404	Aug 7	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$219
RP9716.405	Aug 14	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$219

Adventures to Go **flickr**

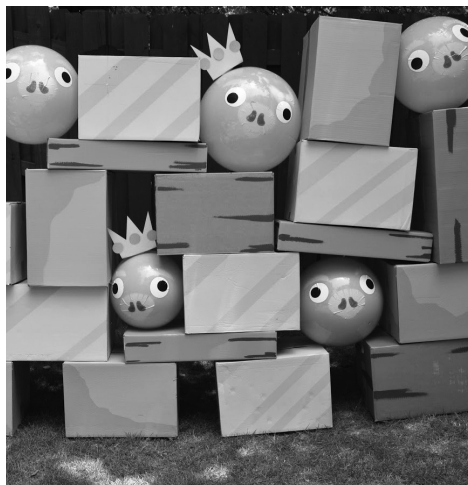
Develop outdoor adventure skills, improve self-esteem and explore the natural environment with activities and games. Learn basic canoeing skills on Centennial Lake, bike the Howard County pathways, participate in team-building activities, go hiking, swimming and swift-river tubing on a Maryland river. Camp prerequisite: must have a well-maintained bike and bike helmet. Camp is held rain or shine. The schedule is subject to change with alternate activities. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. (No camp 7/4.) Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

9-11 yrs Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion B

RP9705.401	Jun 19	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$209
RP9705.402	Jul 10	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$209
RP9705.403	Jul 24	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$209
RP9705.404	Aug 7	9am-5pm	M-Th	\$209

12-14 yrs Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion B

RP9705.411	Jul 3	9am-5pm	M,W-F	\$209
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Extreme Recess: Sports & Adventure Camp

Experience a camp that is packed with "old-school style" games, sports and new adventures that send you home happy and excited for the next day. This camp offers a variety of activities, including swimming, kayaking, fishing, archery, basketball, capture the flag, kickball, dodgeball, hiking and much more! Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. (No camp 7/4.) Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

9-12 yrs Days: 5 (4 days week of 7/3)

Meadowbrook Ath Comp

RP9710.401	Jun 19	9am-5pm	M-F	\$250
RP9710.402	Jul 3	9am-5pm	M,W-F	\$209
RP9710.403	Jul 24	9am-5pm	M-F	\$250
RP9710.404	Jul 31	9am-5pm	M-F	\$250

NEW! Life-Size Adventure: Let the Games Begin

Let the games begin! Build life-size interactive games like Angry Birds, foosball, Battleship and more. Learn team building skills working with other campers to complete tasks with everyday items to create a new game. At the conclusion of the week, invite your family to join us for a pizza party and challenge their skills with the interactive life-size games created in camp. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage each day. Schedule is subject to change; camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes pizza party, supervision and activities.

10-12 yrs Aug 7 Days: 4

Centennial Pk South - Pavilion A

RP9750.401	9am-5pm, M-W; 9am-8pm, Th	M-Th	\$219
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Archery & Paddling Camp

This is a beginner camp intended for those of you who are new to these activities and are looking for a positive experience with archery and kayaking. Learn basic kayak skills on Centennial Lake to prepare you for a river kayak trip. Archery instruction includes essentials such as range safety, equipment maintenance, self-analysis and archery etiquette. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes van or bus transportation, supervision, equipment and activities. Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

11-13 yrs Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion B

RP9715.401 Jul 17 9am-5pm M-Th \$219

RP9715.402 Jul 31 9am-5pm M-Th \$219

RP9715.403 Aug 14 9am-5pm M-Th \$219



Paddling & Fishing Camp

Paddle your way through a fun and exciting introduction to two lifelong outdoor activities. Discover and practice skills in casting, knot tying and a variety of fishing techniques. Earn a flatwater basics paddling certificate from an ACA-certified instructor, then combine those skills as you fish Centennial Lake by canoe! No experience necessary. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. Camp is held rain or shine; schedule is subject to change. Fee includes van or bus transportation, supervision, equipment and activities.

Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

11-13 yrs Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion E

RP9714.401 Jul 10 9am-5pm M-Th \$219

Pedals & Paddles **flickr**

Beginner and intermediate bikers and kayakers, learn basic kayak skills on Centennial Lake to prepare you for a river kayak trip. Bike the Columbia Pathways to prepare you for a 10-15-mile bike ride on the C&O Canal Towpath. Must have a well-maintained bike and bicycle helmet. Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

11-13 yrs Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion A

RP9725.401 Jul 24 9am-5pm M-Th \$219

Wilderness Adventure

Experience the excitement of Maryland's great outdoors while building personal relationships and leadership abilities. Learn team-building and problem-solving skills during a variety of adventure-centered activities. Learn basic canoeing skills; go swift river tubing on a Maryland river; go swimming; participate in camping overnight; rock climb outdoors and challenge yourself on a high/low-elements ropes course. Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

11-13 yrs Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion A

RP9745.401 Jul 31 9am-5pm M-Th (overnight W) \$259

Extreme EC: A Historic Adventure in Ellicott City **flickr**

Join us for an extreme, fun-filled week of adventure and history in the outdoors of Historic Ellicott City. Activities include archery, fishing, historical interpretation, archaeology, conservation, swimming, games and more. Ever camped on historic haunted grounds? Now you can! Camp out Thursday evening at the Patapsco Female Institute Historic Park. Campers receive six volunteer service hours by participating in a camp service project. Camp is held rain or shine. The schedule is subject to change with alternate activities. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

12-15 yrs Jul 24 M-F (overnight Th) Days: 5

Meadowbrook Ath Comp

RP9947.401 8:30am-4:30pm \$259

Rock & River Adventure Camp

Join other teens for four days of action on land and water. Our highly trained staff motivates you to increase self-confidence and challenge yourself while enjoying swimming, kayaking and outdoor rock climbing. Enjoy camping outdoors on Wednesday night. Schedule is subject to change; camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

12-15 yrs Jun 19 Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion F
RP9730.401 9am-5pm M-Th (overnight W) \$259

Shenandoah River Adventure

Beginner and intermediate paddlers, come kayak, hike, go river tubing and camp while exploring Shenandoah National Park and the Shenandoah River. Camp meets Monday morning at Centennial Park for orientation, trip information and to learn basic kayaking skills, then spend the afternoon swimming at the pool. Travel Tuesday to Virginia for three days and two nights of non-stop fun. Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

12-14 yrs \$305 Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion G
RP9735.401 Jul 10 8am-3pm, M; 8am, Tu-6pm, Th M-Th

NEW! Total Adventure: Climb, Zip, Soar & Shoot

Join other teens for this adventure and build relationships and achieve your personal best. Go indoor & outdoor rock climbing, challenge yourself on a Go Ape course, brush up on your archery skills, and spend a day zipping and soaring at the Adventure Center in Harpers Ferry, WV. Spend Wednesday night camping at Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg, MD. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage each day. Schedule subject to change; camp held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities. Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

13-15 yrs Days: 4 M-Th (overnight W)
Centennial Pk South - Pavilion C

RP9245.401 Jun 26 9am-5pm \$270
RP9245.402 Jul 31 9am-5pm \$270



Outdoors

- Information: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754 (unless otherwise noted.)

NEW! Jr HC Park Ranger

Learn what a Howard County Park Ranger does through hands-on, outdoor activities with our rangers. Learn about park wildlife while participating in fishing, archery, canoeing and games. Activities include making your own archery bow and fishing pole. See the techniques and tools rangers use to enforce park rules, save wildlife, and make the park a safe, fun and enjoyable place. Receive a Jr Park Ranger Uniform Shirt to wear to camp and at the conclusion of camp, a Jr Ranger badge and certificate. Bring a nonperishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage each day. Schedule is subject to change; camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities.

6-7 yrs Days: 5 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion F
RP9932.401 Jul 31 8:30am-4:30pm M-F \$211

Full-Day Outdoor Escape

Join us for a full week of outdoor fun, surrounded by nature! Spend your days by Centennial Lake enjoying canoeing, nature hikes, swamp exploration, fishing, archery, group games, nature crafts and more. Schedule includes swimming on Monday and Friday. Bring a lunch (no nut products) and beverage. Schedule is subject to change; camp is held rain or shine. (No camp 7/4.) Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

8-10 yrs Days: 5 (4 days week of 7/3)
Centennial Pk South - Pavilion A

RP9931.401	Jun 26	9am-5pm	M-F	\$219
RP9931.402	Jul 3	9am-5pm	M,W-F	\$176
RP9931.403	Jul 10	9am-5pm	M-F	\$219
RP9931.404	Jul 17	9am-5pm	M-F	\$219



Fishing

• Information: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

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Fishing Camp

Enjoy the sport of fishing while learning why and when fish bite. Discover when to use natural and artificial bait and prepare to go after the biggest fish out there! Bring your rod and artificial lures; natural bait is provided. Bring a snack (no nut products) and beverage. Schedule is subject to change. Camp is held rain or shine. (No camp 7/4.)

7-9 yrs Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion E

RP9950.401 Jul 3 8:30-11:30am M,W-F \$119

RP9950.402 Jul 24 8:30-11:30am M-Th \$119

RP9950.403 Jul 31 8:30-11:30am M-Th \$119

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Ultimate Fishing Tour

Calling all intermediate and advanced anglers! Enjoy the sport of freshwater fishing at lakes across Maryland. Go fishing in and around Howard County on the first day. The real excitement begins on Tuesday with fishing and two nights of camping at Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland. Bring your rod and artificial lures; natural bait is provided. Fee includes most meals, transportation (bus or van), tent accommodations, supervision and activities.

12-15 yrs \$350 Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion E

RP9951.401 Jul 17 8am-5pm, M; 7am, Tu-8pm, Th M-Th

NEW! Chesapeake Bay Discovery Camp

Learn the importance of the bay and what people can do to preserve it through visits to the Calvert Marine Museum, Flags Pond Nature Park and Kings Landing Park. Swim and hike bay beaches, enjoy fishing and crabbing, take a boat tour of Solomon's Island, and enjoy beach campfires while you camp on the beach Tuesday and Wednesday night. Schedule is subject to change; camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities.

10-12 yrs \$305 Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion C

RP9761.401 Aug 7 9am-3pm, M; 9am, Tu-8pm, Th M-Th

NEW! Beach & Bay Adventure

Travel to Calvert County and camp in tents on the beach Tuesday and Wednesday nights! Experience the Chesapeake Bay firsthand with swimming, sunbathing, fishing, crabbing, games, finding sharks teeth and campfires on the beach. Experience a day out on the Chesapeake Bay on a chartered fishing trip. Schedule is subject to change; camp is held rain or shine. Fee includes bus or van transportation, supervision and activities.

12-14 yrs \$305 Days: 4 Centennial Pk South - Pavilion B

RP9760.401 Jun 26 9am-3pm, M; 9am, Tu-8pm, Th M-Th

Nature

• Information: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754.

Kinder Tykes, Snails & Tales **flickr**

Enjoy wildlife and water wonders while doing hands-on science and nature activities. Create rainbows and gigantic bubbles. Learn about park wildlife and caring for the park. Fee includes special take-home surprise on Friday. Bring a snack (no nut products) and beverage. Detailed info and camp participant forms are mailed to registrants approximately two weeks prior to the start of each camp session.

4-5 yrs \$115 Days: 5 Cedar Lane Pk-West

RP9946.401 Jun 12 9:15am-12:15pm M-F \$115

RP9946.402 Jun 26 9:15am-12:15pm M-F \$115

RP9946.403 Jul 24 9:15am-12:15pm M-F \$115

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